



**The Weekly Bulletin**  
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**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*Please sign and pass the Register of Friendship during this time.*

PRELUDE

*O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

Dale Wood

GATHERING SONGS

Hymn 263

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*  
Stanzas 1 & 4

Coronation

Hymn 463

*How Firm a Foundation*  
Stanzas 1, 2 & 5

Foundation

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing a new song,

**People: A song of thanks and praise,**

Leader: For God has done wondrous deeds,

**People: And is great beyond compare!**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*HYMN 353

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Solid Rock

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

**Unison**

**God of mercy, we confess that, rather than following your true light, we follow lesser lights: the misleading lights of success and fortune, the failing light of misplaced idolatry, the fading light of personal salvation. Forgive us for losing sight of your true light. Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus, who commanded us to love one another. Call us to be bearers of love, compassion, and justice, through which the mystery of your love is revealed.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Believe the good news,

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## \*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS



Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the Son, — whose grace has  
par-doned me, and to the Spir-it, — whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A-men.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Penny Morton

*Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the children's greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-2 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers; kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours. Amen.**

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

[John 1:29-42](#)

Pew Bible, page 86

### ANTHEM

*When the Perfect Comes*

Carson Cooman

### PSALM READING

[Psalms 40:1-11](#)

Pew Bible, page 486

### SERMON

*How Does This Work?*

Mr. Drumheller

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

hymnal, page 35

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### \*HYMN 279

*Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

St. Agnes

*During the hymn, ushers will come through the aisles to collect your written prayers to be read during the Prayers of the People.*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*If Thou But Trust God to Guide You*

Georg Böhm

\*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

hymnal, page 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN 451

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Open My Eyes

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

William G. Tomer

\*POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Voluntary*

John Stanley

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\*All that are able may stand.

**We rejoice that you are worshipping with us today.** If you are a member of this church, please seek out those who are visiting and welcome them to this family of faith. If you are visiting and would like to know more about the church and membership here, please speak with one of the ministers following worship.

**The acolyte today is David Kilde.** After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

**The flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Janet’s mother, Norma Forsman, by Janet and Rich Schaefer.

**Ushers:** Wes Eudy, captain; Steve Cumming, Angie Earnhardt, Don Joines, Nancy Joines, Greg Lisk, Ronnie Michael **Elder Greeters:** Jim Carter; Ellen Snyder **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Cici Ly **Preschool Partners:** Jill Niebler; Isabel McLeod **Nana & Papa Team:** Sarah & Ronnie Michael **Children’s Church:** Dona Lisk; Jacob Palmer

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Sally Grantier, Pam Medlin (cousin of Janice Abernathy; multiple health concerns), Mike Dearstyne (brother of Holly Norwood, Peripheral Neuropathy), Roy Dearstyne (father of Holly Norwood). **See newsletter for complete list.**

**The prayers of the people** today will include thanksgivings and intercessions by members of the congregation. Please write yours on the paper at the ends of the pews and be prepared to hand them to an usher during the second hymn.

**Visitors who are interested in learning more about mission, membership, and ministry at First Presbyterian Church are invited** to stop in the parlor briefly following worship on January 15. We’ll set a date then for more in-depth conversation.

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**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION & CORPORATION**

Session has established the date for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation as Sunday, January 22. The meeting will be held immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive annual reports and to transact other business as may properly come before the meeting. We will also have a congregational meeting for the purpose of reviewing and approving the pastors’ terms of call.

**PrimeTimers Luncheon**  
**Thursday, January 19 at Noon in the Pit Stop**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Stanley Scheer, Organist at FPC, Albemarle

Topic:  
What You Always Wanted to Know About Music But Were Afraid to Ask

Please submit your questions in the box outside the church office or email Stan Scheer  
([sscheer@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:sscheer@fpcalbemarle.org)) by Thursday, January 12.

On the menu: Soup & Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Desserts, Tea, & Coffee

Contact the church office (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org))  
to sign-up and/or if you need transportation.

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**2017 Committee Reorganization**

Each year in January, committees reorganize and every member of the congregation has an opportunity to be part of the work of the church by saying **YES, I want to help.**

**Contact Matt ([mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)/704-982-2722) or  
Elizabeth ([eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org)/704-982-2722)**

**to learn more about the Diaconate and Session Committees and engage in the work of one or more.**

*Diaconate Committees which need you!* Childcare, College & Military, Fellowship, Membership, Senior Care, and Ushering

*Session Committees which need you!* Christian Education, Mission, Property, Stewardship, Scholarship, and Worship

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**Celebrate Generosity with a Paint Brush**

Leslie Carter is offering a Watercolor Class on Mondays, January 23-February 20 from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in classroom 3 on the third floor. No experience necessary; especially for beginners, those who want to refresh skills, or those who need an "attitude adjustment" on the technique of watercolor painting. Cost: Donation in the amount of your choice to Homes of Hope. Call the church office (704-982-2722) to sign-up. Space limited to 10 people. For more information, contact Leslie's studio phone (704-983-5091).

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**Tea and Conversation**

**When?** Tuesday, January 24 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.  
**Where?** Church Parlor  
**What?** Join other women in the church for conversation and encouragement on a chilly afternoon.

Bring a favorite tea cup and tell its story.



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**Grand-Camp Grandparent & Grandchild Retreat**

**Sunday, January 29 Noon-2:30 p.m.**

Partnering in Christian Education.... Children Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade

Grandparents of any age...

Lunch in pit stop followed by activities in gym.

Call 704-982-2722 or email Gina Martin ([gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org)) to sign up.

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, January 15

*Deadline for Gaither Endowment Grants*

- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm Prospective Members Meet in the church parlor
- 5:30 pm-7:00 pm Youth Connection

### Monday, January 16

*Observance Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday*

*Church Office Closed*

### Tuesday, January 17

- 12:00 pm February Newsletter Deadline

### Wednesday, January 18

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Club Handbells & Orff Rehearsals
- 7:00 pm \*Chancel Choir

### Thursday, January 19

- 9:30 am \*Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm PrimeTimers' Luncheon

### Sunday, January 22

*Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation*

- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm \*Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation
- 5:30 pm-7:00 pm Youth Connection

**\*childcare provided**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### JANUARY

- 15-Julian Eudy
- Brittany Mallory
- Greta Jane Mallory
- 16-Debbie Hahn
- 19-Nancy Feather
- Ken Frazier
- 20-Larry Sitton

### SCCM NEED FOR JANUARY:

#### Jelly & Jams

**(FYI...No peanut butter is needed at this time.)**



#### **Backpack Food Program Donation List Items Needed:**

Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish,  
Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper, Canned Tuna,  
Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups  
A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

*First Presbyterian Church presents the Winter Art Exhibit  
featuring works by the late E. Hendry Morris*

*(mother & grandmother of the First Oak Studio artisans,*

*Leslie Carter, Olivia Keirstead, Benjamin Riddle, and J. Harrison Carter, II)*

Growing up, Erne' Hendry Morris was inspired by her father and grandfather to appreciate the marvels of nature and God's creation. This exhibit will take a retrospective look at those and other influences, techniques, and changing styles of her work over the decades of her artful journey. Limited edition prints of Morris' work will be available for a donation to the First Presbyterian Church Alternative Gifts program.